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SUBJECT: TURKEY AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE  
SUPPRESSION OF ACTS OF NUCLEAR TERRORISM

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¶11. We raised reftel points with Bora Kerimoglu, Section Chief in the MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Department on July 31, encouraging his office to ensure that the International Convention is on the agenda for the newly elected parliament's consideration this fall. We also inquired about any legislation that the Turkish government has prepared to ensure effective implementation of the convention. Kerimoglu promised to check the parliamentary agenda as well as the status of implementing legislation.

¶12. Turkey passed legislation criminalizing and specifying jail terms for unauthorized possession, trafficking in, and use of nuclear materials as part of a 2005 reform of the Penal Code (Articles 172-174).

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